

Editorial

by Andy Behl

Well, this is my first official editorial. Wow!! They finally made me the official editor — let's see how long I keep it. It is really hard to think up editorials for this paper, because it's hard to find something that might interest you readers. But this time, I had no problem finding something to write about.

About three weeks ago, a story appeared in the Asheville Citizen-Times on Sunday about the Mars Hill College football team. In it, "Coach" Claude Gibson really bad mouthed some of the players and totally gave a bad name to the athletic program here at Mars Hill. It was stated that the quarterbacks "left their effectiveness on the practice field." Does this not reflect the coaching of these athletes? Though the kicking game was not up to par this past season, how could he compare Melvin Dunn's punting to Larry Brow's. Brow had not punted since high school, and that was not even his main position. Gibson had recruited a punter last year, and promised him a \$500 scholarship if he played 5 games. He punted once for 36 yards, the same as Brow's average. Larry Brow was an excellent tight end, but nothing is heard of the good things that came about from last season. Gibson then complains that he does not have enough assistant coaches. No argument there, but the three he has are probably the best in the SAC-8. Without them, the team probably would have finished 1-9. In the article, Gibson states that, "what we really have here now is, in essence, a Division III program that's going to have a hard time competing in this league in the future." Here he fails to state that all the other colleges in our "league" have the same amount of scholarships. Maybe they just distribute them more efficiently. Gibson gripes that there is not enough money in his budget, but there are ways he could trim the budget. On one road trip, a female statistician had an entire motel room to herself, while the Golden Girls were right down the hall, about 3 to a room. And one night about midnight, this same statistician was seen driving the athletic department car around campus. More than likely for her own personal use. But he still needs more money, huh?

No one expected miracles this year. Everyone realized that this was a young team, and had lost many of the key players from the 1980 8-2-1 squad. This year's team rose to heights higher than expected. Even Gibson himself stated he thought they would finish .500, and this was at the beginning of the year. There were many highlights of this season, but do you hear about any of these? No, just give me this, give me that. There is always an excuse when you lose, but .500 season is not bad at all.

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Asheville-Buncombe Community Christian Ministry.

James Edwards, a manager for Brad Ragan, Inc., is a member of the First Baptist Church in Spruce Pine, where he is a deacon and has taught in several Sunday School departments.

Baxter J. Kiger, manager of traffic and inventory at the Hanes Group Knitwear Division in Yadkinville, attended Mississippi Junior College and Forsyth Technical Institute and is a member of the Deep Creek Baptist Church, where he is a deacon and a Sunday School teacher. He is also a member of the Jaycees, Delta Nu Alpha transportation fraternity, and a Boy Scout leader.

Richard Powers, a Hayesville accountant, is a member of the Shady Grove Baptist Church where he is chairman of the Board of Deacons, music director, Sunday School director, and Sunday School teacher. He has also served on the Truett Baptist Association general

board, the association's mission committee as chairman for a number of years, and the association's personnel committee.

The five who have previously served terms on the college's board and are returning for a new term include the following:

Mrs. JoAnne Alexander of Statesville, a vocalist and music teacher as well as president of her own company (Video Teaching Aids, Inc.), is the only woman chairman the college's Board of Trustees has ever elected. She served in that capacity during 1980.

Dr. W. Otis Duck, Mars Hill family practitioner, also serves as one of the college physicians. He also is a former chairman of the board.

Carl Meares is president of Ellis Meares and Son of Fair Bluff, an appliance and hardware wholesale firm.

Robert L. Rowe is a retired former postmaster of Marion.

Mrs. W. K. Sturdivant is a homemaker from North Wilkesboro.

The thing that really clinched the article was the final statement by Gibson. "Sometimes think that we would have been better off falling on our faces." That's good, let's build morale around campus and on the team. Many people on campus and these are people in high positions, are talking about this article, and none are too happy. Support of the team has now dwindled down in number. People around campus feel sorry for Gibson and his poor football program, and if it wasn't for the kids, who are really super people, they would cut him out all together. But some must endure. After talking with some of the players, both named in the article and not, most of them are not too happy. One even stated that he would not be back next year. Now I see why Mark Clark opted his last year.

It seems to me that there is one underlying factor to all of these problems. What we seem to lack here at Mars Hill is a head football coach. I always thought that the head coach made the final decisions and followed through with them. And a head coach would be one of the first people on the practice field, not come 30 minutes an hour after practice starts. All other head coaches I've worked with have. It looks as if Gibson was almost out there for what he could get out of it, having his best interests in front of the players.

Now this may look as if I am biting the hand that feeds me, because I am (or may be better after this article comes out) a student trainer and have worked with the football team for four years. Well, I felt that someone needed to stand up for the players. Hopefully this will make some people realize that there may be some changes that need to take place.

Basically along the same lines, what is the role of a cheerleader? I always thought that they were there to promote spirit and give the team support while leading the fans in cheers. I don't think that the cheerleaders truly understand their roles here at Mars Hill. I make reference to Monday night, when both the men's and women's basketball teams played at home. The cheerleaders showed up to cheer at the men's game, but where were they for the women's game? It's not important that the women are 3-0 and that the men are 1-6. There were many fans at the women's game, and thank God for O.K.A. If it wasn't for them, there really would not have been that much cheering done. But don't let that bother you, cheerleaders, because from what I've heard, the women don't want you now. You may have the excuse, "I have homework I have to do before the game, and if I cheer at both games, will I get it done?" Well, I feel sorry for you. You asked for that position, it was thrown on you. I've been up all night working on this paper.

I know that some people will be a "little" upset with this editorial, but isn't that what they are all about. If I've really made some good points for people to think about, and if you have any feedback, send it in!!!

News From

The Wren College Union

by Andy Behl

In the recent dance contest, Willie Jeffries and Debbie Poff danced off with the \$50 first prize. Jeff Binns and his partner came in second and Danny Garrett and Cathy Little came in third. Kay Irwin, Wren College Union Director, termed the event a success and was pleased with the turnout.

The annual Christmas Party is almost upon us again. It will be December 8 and will be held in the Union from 8 to 11 p.m. The entire campus, as well as faculty and staff are invited to attend. There will be food served and the entire Union will be decorated with the Christmas spirit. The SGA Senate will have a live nativity scene and Santa will be there. There will be Christmas stories told, and carols sung. The event will be the event of December and everyone is urged to attend.

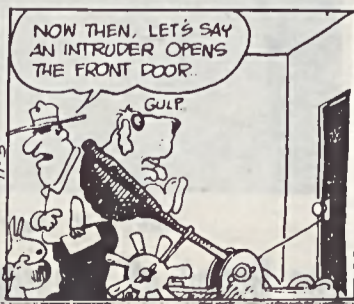
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Self

by Stephanie Briggs

On November 1st, interested women at the Police Department were attacked.

The first thing I did was: Lock your doors. Walk briskly and don't look back.

You should only go out when your life is in danger, let him have his off running and don't panic.

When the attacker comes, go limp, and the girl has are her voice. When using a guy back off.

The five most important things are: side or front), his hands, and the most vulnerable part of his body is on hitting him. U and don't panic.

Memorial Mission Center offers counseling to women to offer help.

Only 60% of all rape cases are reported. Out of 15 rape cases, the person dies or takes a self-defense course that when attacked.

News

— Congratulations to Taylor and Margie for the "My spooktacular Halloween" party.

— Speaking of Halloween, for a very successful party.

— Don't forget the Thursday and 7:00 p.m. in the offices (located in the residence hall) you just need some help.

— Do you know what to do? The Housing Office is looking for two Area Coordinators and Co-ordinators.

— assignments, the Housing Office is looking for well-being of the members in the residence hall Housing Staff.

Threads

The Housing Office is collecting one item of clothing for distribution to needy students and get into the gift.

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